ASH GROVE CEMENT COMPANY

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November 6, 2003

D. Wayne Hedberg Minerals Regulatory Program Division of Oil, Gas and Mining Utah Department of Natural Resources PO Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

RE: Nielson Sandstone Mine NOI – Current Permit number M/023/012

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Ash Grove Cement would like submit to you the Reclamation Contract (Form MR-RC) and the General Purpose Rider to be attached to final copy of the Nielson Sandstone Mine NOI to Commence Revised Large Mining Operations. These documents should complete the Division's requirements and we would like to ask that final approval be granted at this time.

We appreciate you cooperativeness and please contact me at (435) 857-1208 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Aaron Bufmack

Assistant Plant Engineer

Ash Grove Cement, Leamington, UT

Encl.: Reclamation Contract (Form MR-RC)

General Purpose Rider

CC: Jeffrey Peterson, Ash Grove Cement

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